

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 98-6-29**

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For Work Week Commencing: June 29, 1998

Business Meeting: June 30, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. L97.8.6 – RUL – Electric Licensing Rulemaking – Discuss extending interim electricity licenses to allow deliveries for eligible large customers to begin July 1 pending adoption of final licensing rules (6/30/98)
2. USWC Docket D98.6.142 – AT&T and Spring Complaint – Discuss and get initial direction on this complaint filing (6/30/98)
3. USWC Docket D98.6.143 – Tel-Save, Inc. complaint against USWC - Discuss Complaint and get direction (6/30/98)
4. USWC Docket D97.5.87 – US West's 271 filing – Discussion and action as necessary (6/30/98)
5. Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.6.130 (Tina)

On June 15, 1998, USWC filed TT 98-26 to introduce the "Improve Customer Service" promotion to business customers. This promotion will waive the conversion charge for customers changing from a flat rated business line to a contracted analog Centrex 21 service; waive the non-recurring charge for customers subscribing to different custom calling service packages or an E-mail address listing or URL listing; and waive the non-recurring charge plus give one month free service for customers subscribing to Business Voice Messaging.

2. US WEST- Docket N98.6.134 (Bonnie)

On June 15, 1998, US WEST filed revised tariff transmittal 98-30 to introduce two optional products for business customers in Montana to assist in managing telephone traffic and completing analysis to assist in marketing efforts:

(1) Call Data Collection and Transmission (CDCT) captures incoming call data (including time, date, calling party number, zip code, busy calls, unanswered calls, & length of calls), provided in an ASCII data file sent to the customer daily over the internet.

(2) Trackline Plus is a forwarding telephone number temporarily assigned for purposes of tracking call data. The product would normally be associated with a single advertised sales campaign - ticket sales, a contest, or a specific sales event, used in conjunction with CDCT.

3. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.6.131 (Kate)

On June 15, 1998, US West Communications filed to eliminate the monthly recurring charges and reduce the nonrecurring charges for number activation for commercial mobile radio services customers. The proposed tariff revisions were filed to comply with an FCC order.

4. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY- Docket N98.6.124 (Vicki)

On June 4, 1998, Sprint filed revised tariff pages changing the name of Toll Free Access Collect II (One Dime) to Toll Free Access Collect II and adding other toll free numbers to obtain unique rates and connection fees; move station-to-station collect and person-to-person collect under Moonlight Madness to Toll Free Access Collect II; reduce the peak per minute usage rate and increase the station-to-station connection fee; increasing the Spree Prepaid FONCARD rate for \$5.00 increments from \$.33 to \$.40; adding a \$30 increment rate of \$.31; and to add the Airlines/Sprint Partnership Program for frequent flyer miles.

5. US WEST Communications, Inc. - Docket N.98.6.133 (Vicki)

On June 15, 1998, US West filed a revised tariff page allowing calls placed to one call router to be directed to another router. Currently, calls placed to a call route associated with Business Voice Message Service are not permitted to be directed to another router. This filing removes that restriction.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS – Docket N98.6.135 (Tina)

On June 17, 1998, MCI filed Transmittal Letter No. 98-13 to make textual changes to Digital Private Line Service and to add two additional digits to their CIC code. This filing also increases rates for Analog Service. That rate increase does not require Commission approval.

2. PACIFICORP DOCKET NO. D98.6.136 (ERIC)

On June 18, 1998, PacifiCorp filed for authority to issue and sell not more than 45,000,000 shares of its Common Stock. The Company requests that such authority remain in effect until all the Shares have been issued. The purpose of the requested authority is to issue the Shares from time to time as acquisitions or requirements for funding of the Company's nonutility operations arise.

3. US West - Docket N98.6.132 (Jay)

On June 15, 1998, US West filed tariff transmittal 98-29 to reduce a price reduction for Centrex 21 in non-metro areas when customers purchase the service under the rate stability agreement for 37-50 months. The filing adds the SuperSavings intraLATA plan as an optional feature and also modifies the termination liability terms increasing the minimum threshold to 70% before termination liability will be assessed.

4. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS CO. - Docket N98.6.137 (Nina)

On June 23, 1998, Sprint Communications filed tariff revisions to change the name of Resale Solutions and its associated products to Single Source Solutions; and to introduce Sprint Sense Block of Time, which allows customers to place a predetermined number of Dial-1 intrastate and interstate minutes during a month for a monthly recurring charge. Any usage above the predetermined minutes will be charged a flat non-distance, non-time of day sensitive rate

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**N98.5.110 – AT&T –**

On May 20, 1998, AT&T filed revised tariff advice 98-08 to introduce the Universal Connectivity Charge which assessed a charge equal to 1.8% of the customer's AT&T monthly intrastate charges billed after July 1, 1998. On June 22, 1998, AT&T advised the Commission that they are withdrawing this filing and will collect its USF contribution (covering schools and libraries and rural health care) exclusively through the imposition of an interstate charge.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-07-06**

SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS CO. - Docket N98.6.137(Nina)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

- D98.6.136 Pacific Power & Light – Application for authority to issue and sell shares of common stock
- N98.6.137 Sprint – Change name of resale solutions and introduce Sprint sense block of time
- N98.6.138 PSC Y2K computer problems
- D98.6.139 USWC – Mt Tel-Net Formal Complaint (disc of service; violation of tariff; nonpaym of nonreg services)
- D98.6.140 USWC – Mt Tel-Net Formal Complaint (list of complaints)
- D98.6.141 MCI – Complaint by Clark Fork Telecom, Blackfoot Comm & Blackfoot Coop
- D98.6.142 USWC – AT&T and Sprint complaint re: USWC access charges
- D98.6.143 USWC – Tel-Save, Inc. complaint & request for relief
- N98.6.144 Ronan Telephone Co – Internet access services tariff and price list revisions